

Smiths Falls Flying Club

Fall 2001

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Volunteers

The Directors would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out at the field this past summer. It has come up that the pool of volunteers is shrinking and we have been looking at different ways to get more members out to help with some of the on going work. In the future we will start to list items on the white board at the clubhouse. If you are able to help out on any of them please sign your name to the list. These jobs would be in the way of doing at your own time. We are hoping that this will allow more people to work at their own schedule.

Club Mourns loss of Members Robert & Barbara Sterling

On Monday June 18, Robert and Barbara were killed when their Cessna 210 crashed into Lake Laveille in Algonquin Park. The Directors and Members of the Smiths Falls Flying Club send their respects to their children John, Elizabeth and Michael. They will be missed.

Fly-in Breakfast 2001

Despite the weather on June 3rd. we served over 600 meals. With low ceilings and on and off again rain, the only aircraft movement on the field was that of Jose Mergulhao Sr. and his small helicopter. Jose was able to take up some of the Air Cadets volunteers in the late morning. Here's hoping for better weather in 2002. Jack again wants to thank all the members that gave of their time to help with our only fundraiser.

The President's Message

I hope that all of you had a fun and safe summer. With the cooler weather approaching I hope you will get out and enjoy some fall flying before you retire your planes for the winter. The Directors have had our first meeting of the fall and with only 3 more to go before we turn the page on 2001, we have a few jobs on the go and some more to start before it gets too cold. The clubhouse has seen installation of a new heating & cooling system. It will be sporting a new roof before long. Also the crack sealing of the runway and repainting of the lines should take place shortly. On an insurance note, all pilots of club aircraft are now required, when hangering KLA or LIN, not to taxi into the hanger. You must stop outside of the hanger and either pull the plane in, or turn it around outside and push it in. We are looking into improving the ramp up to the hanger doors. This is due to our insurance, as they will not cover damage that could occur to the plane or the building if something was to happen while taxiing into the hanger. Paul Harword has informed the Directors that all is going very well in regards to the Hanger Tax Assessment. It is just a matter of time before the final approvals come back from the government. If you would like more information, give me a call.

Jack Tedford

Hanger Owners

Don Selkirk has let the Directors know that he is in the market for an older T hanger. If you were thinking of offering yours for sale, he would be pleased to hear from you. Give him a call at 613-253-2856

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Directors of 2001

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Jack Tedford Jim Crosbie

Secretary **CFI**

Don Grant Bill Whaley

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Directors

Barrie Macdonald Bob Labelle

Mark Steenburgh Dale Lamport

Douglas Therrien Floyd Graham

Steve Bennett Glenn Davies

Next General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the General Meeting planned for Oct. 10th. at the clubhouse.

Summer Outings

This past summer saw the club under take two fly outs. The first was to Picton's Fly in Breakfast held on June the 17. Three planes made an overnight trip out of it and more flew over for the morning. All the participants enjoyed the overnight trip and more are in the works for next year.

The second outing was a day trip out to Elmhirst Resort near Peterborough. 2 wheel planes and one floatplane flew out of Smiths Falls. The day trip was very nice; participants enjoyed horseback riding, great food, soaking in the hot tub and other leisure activities.

If you have any ideas for other fly-outs please let Floyd Graham, Director of Entertainment know. You can send him an email <mailto:Floyd.Graham>

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Private Aircraft Insurance Update

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies and thoughts are with the victims and their families of the horrific attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The global aerospace industry is experiencing a tremendous shock-wave, following the terrible and tragic events of September 11th, 2001. This is proving to be a challenge and is affecting the airline and related industries dramatically, especially the insurance sector.

Initial industry reviews find that although the losses will be enormous, they will be sustainable. The brunt of the attack is likely to be spread among 100 or more insurers and reinsurers globally.

However, because a substantial amount of capacity will be removed from the global insurance and reinsurance markets, it is forecasted that the existing trend towards higher prices will continue and persist longer than had been initially anticipated.

In addition, various insurance companies are sending out notice of cancellation of their War Risk coverages. For the most part, War Risk coverage in private aircraft policies is limited to liability coverage only. It protects the policyholder against acts of terrorism, hijacking, government seizure or war. As an example, a private aircraft is hijacked and flown into a building. The policyholder is protected if they are pulled into a third party liability suit for the damage to the building and/or physical injury. These coverages will likely be made available to buy-back at an additional premium.

As for the standard liability & hull coverages provided by private aircraft insurance policies - they are not affected. Your aviation insurance broker will be more than pleased to confirm these coverages for you.

Belinda Bryce - Aviation Manager at PSA Insurance Services Ltd.
- a full line insurance broker specializing in Commercial and Private Aviation Insurance. For more information, call 1-888-772-4672.

Retirement

Mary Lynn and Murray have informed the Directors of their intentions to retire from the operation of Dav-Lynn Canteen. They have been operating it for over 8 years and have decided that it is time. Yours truly is going to miss the big hearty breakfast that they put together. Jack, the Directors, along with the general membership join me in wishing them all the best. Mary-Lynn and Murray will stay with us until the end of the year. The club will be looking for someone to take over the canteen at that time. If you are interested or know of someone who could fill Mary-Lynn and Murray's shoes please bring it to the attention of one of our Directors.

Smiths Falls and Two Planes?

KLA has had its engine break in this past month. For a short time the club had two planes on the line. Unfortunately it seems that as soon as one is air worthy the other one is grounded. LIN has a few small problems that are being worked on and it should be soon air worthy. We have to thank our AME's Dan and Peter for all their hard work, and Barrie MacDonald the Director of Aircraft Maintenance.